(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Indian Airlines has temporarily suspended its service to Allahabad because of operational constraints.

Development of Allahabad as Tourist Centre

67. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to bring Allahabad on the tourist map of the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the tourist spots proposed to be developed there?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Development of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Government. However, the Central Government provides financial assistance to the State Governments in respect of specific proposals received from them. Ministry of Tourism has extended financial assistance for construction of a Yatri Niwas and renovation of Nehru Ghats for development of tourism at Allahabad.

Fall in the profits of ONGC

68. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ONGC profits are likely to fall by Rs. 700 crores in 1990-91 as per the news item appearing in the 'Business Times (Times of India) of the 15th June, 1991;

(b) whether it is also a fact that such a fall in profits has occurred though ONGC will not be paying corporate tax for 1990-91 as it did in 1989-90; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and what steps Government propose to take so that the ONGC starts earning profits again as in the previous years.

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) The profit after tax of ONGC in 1990-91 was Rs. 1048 crores against Rs. 1624 crores in 1989-90. This was mainly on account of higher exchange loss, cost of dry wells written off, depreciation depletion and operational expenditure.

During the year 1990-91 ONGC had made a provision of Rs. 51 crores in its budget for the payment of Corporate Tax.

Crash of a Delhi Flying Club aircraft

69. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether a two seater Cessna 152 aircraft of the Delhi Flying Club crashed recently on the Safdarjung flyover in New Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what is the outcome of the inquiry conducted into the mishap;

(c) what is the number of mishaps that took place from this airport during the period from 1989 to 1991 and the causes therefor;

(d) whether Government have considered the question regarding unsuitability of the flying club at the present site; and

(e) if so, what steps are contemplated by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On 1.6.1991, Cessna 152A aircraft of Delhi Flying Club was engaged in coal flying at Safdarjung Airport. The pilot, after successfully completing two circuits and landings, took off and after completing the circuit, the pilot decided to go around when the right wing of the aircraft hit a tree and the left undercarriage hit the lamp post on the flyover. The aircraft crashed on the flyover and sustained substantial damage. Both occupants on board escaped unhurt. The DGCA has appointed the Inspector of Accidents under Rule 71 of the Aircraft Rules, 1937 to investigate the accident. His report is awaited.

(c) Only one other accident took place on 23rd March, 1989 which was caused due to pilot's departure from accepted procedure.

(d) Adequate safety measures are taken to ensure sals operation of flying club aircraft and gliders from Safdarjung Airport.

(e) None in view of (d) above.

Construction of international terminal building at Calcutta Airport

70. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN; Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) by when the construction of new international terminal building at the Calcutta Airport is going to be completed; and

(b) whether there has been any agreement for introduction of new international flights through Calcutta airport; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MA DHAV RAO SCINDIA); (a) The new Terminal is scheduled to be completed by the end of July, 1993.

(b) On 14. 1.1988, there was an agreement with Bhutan for five services Per week to Calcutta. Jordan had an agrement on 19-5-1988 for a weekly service to Calcutta. Romania made an agreement on 5-12-1990 for twice weekly service between Bucharest and Calcutta.

Operation of air services by Private Airlines

71. SRHI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that private airlines have been permitted to launch air services in India; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof wit}], particular reference to its impact on the national economy?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Under the Air Taxi Guidelines in force private sector parties can operate air transport services within the country. The aircraft to be imported for such operation should be procured by the party with NRI resources and no foreign exchange will be made available by the Government for this purpose.

(b) so far, 6 operators have taken Operating Permits and another 13 have been given No Objection Certificates.

Such private sector participation in air transport services will generate more tourists earnings and lessen the need for public sector investment in this area.

Accidents in ECL Collieries

72. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that accidents involving surface structures taking place in Eastern Coalfield Ltd. collieries are often becoming fatal; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof